

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced today that he will participate in a ceremony to be held tomorrow, Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> to mark significant progress towards congestion relief on the I-580 corridor through the Tri-Valley.

The event will mark the opening of the first five miles of a new High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane on eastbound I-580, as well as the ceremonial groundbreaking for the second segment of the project and a new interchange at I-580 and Isabel Avenue/State Route 84.

"These improvements are a crucial investment in our region's economy and will reduce congestion in a transportation corridor that has national significance," said Rep. McNerney. "I am proud to have worked to bring home funds for critical projects like these. I will continue to be an advocate for transportation improvement projects that reduce residents' commute time and spur local economic development."

Interstate 580 in Pleasanton and Livermore is one of the most congested routes in the Bay Area. The commute eastbound in the evening was the third worst in the Bay Area last year, and worst on a per-mile basis, according to a study by Caltrans and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, with more than 5,200 vehicle hours of delay every day.